

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 57-77 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following claims:

78. A substrate coated with an essentially water-free composition, wherein said composition comprises a superabsorbent polymer in combination with a compound wherein said compound comprises a silicone which is a siloxane, a low molecular weight silicone polymer, or diorgano silicon oxide, wherein said compound optionally contains a lubricant additive, and wherein said superabsorbent polymer absorbs greater than 100 times its weight in water.

79. The substrate of claim 78 wherein said composition comprises a product produced by the process of combining said superabsorbent polymer with said siloxane and optionally, said lubricant additive.

80. A method of protecting a substrate from the affects of water or water migration comprising forming on said substrate an essentially water-free composition, wherein said composition comprises a superabsorbent polymer in combination with a compound wherein said compound comprises a silicone which is a siloxane, a low molecular weight silicone polymer, or diorgano silicon oxide, wherein said compound optionally contains a lubricant additive, and wherein said superabsorbent polymer absorbs greater than 100 times its weight in water.